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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 3 November 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director thanked all for providing input to the weekly checklist which he found useful and thinks will help make Staff Meetings more productive. []

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In response to the Director's question, [] said the Identities Legislation will be considered later this week and he thinks the Senate version will be the Bill passed. []

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The Director reported comments on the Executive Order 12036 have been received from the House and the Senate and he hopes that the Order will be issued sometime next week. Sporkin noted he had met with the NSC Staff and was concerned that provisions will be added to the Executive Order which will restrict CIA from doing certain things while allowing other members of the community to proceed without any restrictions. Admiral Inman said he did not believe that senior advisors will exempt other members of the community. The Director said, and there was consensus around the table, the CIA was not in business to become involved in domestic intelligence operations but should focus on the production of intelligence. Regarding the issue of surveilling U.S. citizens abroad, it was noted the Executive Order stipulated that surveillance could only be undertaken if significant intelligence could be gathered and there was no other method to collect it. A general discussion ensued. []

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The Director said that Senator Moynihan wants to have a meeting on Wilson/Terpil in order to be brought up to date on this case. He added that at some point the Agency will have to clear the record regarding the allegations the mercenaries operating in Libya have ties to the Agency. In response to Admiral Inman's question, Briggs said he did not know when HPSCI would begin its hearings on Wilson/Terpil. The Director agreed with Briggs' recommendation that he continue to fully investigate the Wilson/Terpil affair. []

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[] noted that the Executive Secretary/NFIB will be sending a paper to NFIB members asking them to participate in the CIPC study of the community's Libyan collection policy. []

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Admiral Inman told [] he would try to get OMB to slip its date for budget submissions in order to allow the NFIC more time to consider their submissions. []

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Winne noted an SR-71 mission will be flown over the Barents Sea on 4 November. []

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The Director noted he testified last week before the SSCI on counter-intelligence and that following the testimony he was asked by Senator Chafee to prepare a wish list of those things which will help the community perform its counterintelligence function more effectively. []

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Lipton reported the Authorization Conference Report on the Budget will be out in five days and that the only CIA cut was [] for covert action. He added, however, the Conference Committee restored the [] cut for external analysis. []

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Glerum reported the Combined Federal Campaign is over, that the Agency appears to have done worse this year than in the past and that collections will be received for another week. All around the table seemed to agree that the economic situation is the cause for this. []

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[] gave the Director a status report on the Law of the Sea Estimate and suggested that the Director read the next draft of the Estimate which will be issued on 9 November. []

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